



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 bingo card is provided having a matrix of seven columns and
2 seven rows. Play is conducted according to the conventional manner
3 of play of bingo, but using the seven-by-seven matrix. Because the
4 size of the matrix has been increased, additional winning combina-
5 tions are available and players can be paid for being the first
6 player to achieve a four spot bingo, a five spot bingo, a six spot
7 bingo, a seven spot bingo and so forth. This permits multiple
8 winners during each round of the game of bingo and the amount of
9 the payouts can be based on the relative difficulty of obtaining
10 each type of winning combination. An alternative bingo card and
11 method of play includes the designation of the sixth and seventh
12 row and the sixth and seventh column of the seven-by-seven bingo
13 card as distinctly demarcated sections of the bingo card, for
14 example by using a different color or colors for these rows and
15 columns. Players achieving a winning combination in certain
16 specified sections of the bingo card could be paid varying amount
17 as the payout. A progressive feature can be added to the method of
18 play of bingo in which the player makes a separate, additional
19 wager to be eligible for the progressive jackpot payout.